

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
FLORENCE DIVISION

Stanley Hughes,	)	C/A No.: 4:14-cv-02046-RBH
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	<b>ORDER</b>
	)	
Carolyn W. Colvin, Acting Commissioner	)	
of Social Security,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
	)	

On December 14, 2015, Plaintiff filed a motion for attorney's fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 42 U.S.C. § 2412, on the basis that the position taken by the defendant in this action was not substantially justified. On January 4, 2016, the parties filed a joint stipulation indicating that the parties agreed to an EAJA award of **\$5,000.00** in attorney's fees to be paid by the United States Social Security Administration. The stipulation provides that fees awarded are subject to the Treasury Offset Program if the prevailing party owes a debt to the government.

Based on the foregoing and after considering the briefs and materials submitted by the parties, the court orders the Defendant to pay the sum of **\$5,000.00** in attorney's fees pursuant to EAJA, subject to the Treasury Offset Program if the prevailing party owes a debt to the government. However, the payment shall be made payable to the claimant pursuant to *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 S.Ct. 2521 (2010), and mailed to his attorney, with a copy to the claimant.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

January 5, 2016  
Florence, South Carolina

s/ R. Bryan Harwell  
R. Bryan Harwell  
United States District Judge